

House Resolution 230

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A RESOLUTION

1 Creating the House Local School District Development Impact Fees Study Committee; and
2 for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the Constitution provides for local revenues in support of local school systems
4 by means of school taxes levied on the assessed value of all taxable property within the
5 territories served by local school systems and also authorizes local sales taxes for educational
6 purposes; and

7 WHEREAS, municipalities and counties in this state have been authorized by law to impose
8 by ordinance development impact fees as a condition of development approval so as to
9 provide an equitable program for planning and financing public facilities needed to serve new
10 growth and development and to protect the public health, safety, and welfare; and

11 WHEREAS, local school districts can be significantly affected by additional growth and
12 development and the impact fees presently allowed and imposed by some municipalities and
13 counties do not directly contribute to the financial support of needed public school
14 improvements and expansions to serve the corresponding increased number of students; and

15 WHEREAS, citizens benefit from housing opportunities and affordability and from
16 assurances that development impact fees will not unduly burden the provision of new
17 housing; and

18 WHEREAS, the appropriate, balanced imposition of development impact fees by local
19 governments to supplement the financing of public schools needed to serve new growth and
20 development is worthy of study.

21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
22 there is created the House Local School District Development Impact Fees Study Committee
23 to be composed of five members of the House of Representatives to be appointed by the

1 Speaker of the House of Representatives. The Speaker shall designate a member of the
2 committee as chairperson of the committee. The chairperson shall call all meetings of the
3 committee.

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee shall undertake a study of the conditions,
5 needs, issues, and problems mentioned above or related thereto and recommend any action
6 or legislation which the committee deems necessary or appropriate. The committee may
7 conduct such meetings at such places and at such times as it may deem necessary or
8 convenient to enable it to exercise fully and effectively its powers, perform its duties, and
9 accomplish the objectives and purposes of this resolution. The members of the committee
10 shall receive the allowances provided for in Code Section 28-1-8 of the Official Code of
11 Georgia Annotated. The allowances authorized by this resolution shall not be received by
12 any member of the committee for more than five days unless additional days are authorized.
13 The funds necessary to carry out the provisions of this resolution shall come from the funds
14 appropriated to the House of Representatives. In the event the committee makes a report of
15 its findings and recommendations, with suggestions for proposed legislation, if any, such
16 report shall be made on or before December 1, 2005. The committee shall stand abolished
17 on December 1, 2005.